

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below. Please enter these claims as amended herein. Upon entry of the amendments, this listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) The goggles of claim 1~~8~~³, wherein each eyepiece has a minimum depth of about 5.75 mm or less.

15. (Currently Amended) The goggles of claim 1~~8~~³, wherein each eyepiece has a layer of adhesive tape for adhesively securing the eyepiece to the skin.

16. (Previously Presented) The goggles of claim 15, wherein:

each eyepiece comprises a frame portion surrounding the lens portion and the peripheral wall of the eyepiece, the frame portion of each eyepiece having a posterior surface; and

each layer of adhesive tape comprises a deformable layer that is secured to the posterior surface of a respective frame and has an adhesive surface for adhering to the skin.

17. (Currently Amended) The goggles of claim 1~~8~~³, wherein each eyepiece comprises a frame portion, wherein the eyepieces can be retained in place by contracting the orbicularis oculi muscles against the frame portions.

18. (Previously Presented) Swim goggles comprising a pair of unconnected eyepieces, each eyepiece adapted to provide a water-tight seal around an eye of a user during use of the goggles, wherein each eyepiece has a minimum depth of less than 8 mm measured at locations above and below the eyes when the eyepieces are in an as worn orientation, and wherein each eyepiece comprises a flat anterior lens portion that is positioned in front of an eye in an as worn orientation and a flat side lens portion that extends rearwardly and temporally from the anterior lens portion at an obtuse angle.

19. (Previously Presented) The goggles of claim 18, wherein:

each eyepiece comprises an annular peripheral wall that surrounds a respective anterior lens portion and side lens portion and extends rearwardly therefrom; and

wherein the side lens portion of each eyepiece intersects a respective anterior lens portion at a line extending between opposing points on the periphery of the side lens portion defining a maximum width of the side lens portion in the superior-inferior direction.

20-32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) An eyepiece for swim goggles comprising a body adapted to be worn over only one eye of a user and form a water-tight seal around the eye that isolates the eye from the surrounding environment during use, the water-tight seal formed by an adhesive layer that, in conjunction with a layer of deformable material, adhesively secures the body to the skin of the user in close proximity to the eye, the body comprising a transparent lens portion that includes a first, flat anterior lens that is positioned in front of the eye in an as worn orientation and at least a second, flat lens comprising flat and parallel opposed surfaces, the second lens being connected to the anterior lens at an obtuse angle and extending rearwardly therefrom, wherein the second lens reduces prismatic distortion of the lens portion and is connected to the anterior lens at an angle of approximately 124° to 164° .

34. (Original) The eyepiece of claim 33, wherein the second lens is a side lens that extends rearwardly and temporally from the anterior lens, wherein the side lens reduces hydrodynamic drag of the eyepiece and prismatic distortion of the lens portion.

35. (Original) The eyepiece of claim 34, wherein the side lens is connected to the anterior lens at an angle at which a line of sight extends perpendicularly with respect to the side lens whenever the eye is rotated temporally to a position at which the visual axis intersects a midpoint of the side lens.

36. (Previously Presented) An eyepiece for swim goggles comprising a body adapted to be worn over the eye of a user and form a water-tight seal around the eye that isolates the eye from the surrounding environment during use, the body comprising a transparent lens portion that includes a first, flat anterior lens that is positioned in front of the eye in an as worn orientation and at least a second, flat lens comprising flat and parallel opposed surfaces, the second lens being connected to the anterior lens at an obtuse angle and extending rearwardly therefrom, wherein the second lens reduces prismatic distortion of the lens portion and is connected to the anterior lens at an angle of approximately 124° to 164° ;

wherein the second lens is a side lens that extends rearwardly and temporally from the anterior lens, wherein the side lens reduces hydrodynamic drag of the eyepiece and prismatic distortion of the lens portion;

wherein the side lens is connected to the anterior lens at an angle at which a line of sight extends perpendicularly with respect to the side lens whenever the eye is rotated temporally to a position at which the visual axis intersects a midpoint of the side lens;

wherein the body comprises a frame portion surrounding the first and second lenses and the eyepiece further comprises a piece of double-sided tape having a first adhesive surface adhering to a posterior surface of the frame and a second adhesive surface for adhering to skin substantially surrounding the eye.

37. (Previously Presented) An eyepiece for swim goggles comprising:

a body adapted to be worn over only one eye of a user and form a water-tight seal around the eye that isolates the eye from the surrounding environment during use, the water-tight seal formed by an adhesive layer that, in conjunction

with a layer of deformable material, adhesively secures the body to the skin of the user in close proximity to the eye;

the body comprising a transparent lens portion that includes a first, flat anterior lens that is positioned in front of the eye in an as worn orientation and at least a second, flat lens connected to the anterior lens at an obtuse angle and extending rearwardly therefrom, wherein the second lens reduces prismatic distortion of the lens portion;

wherein the second lens is a side lens that extends rearwardly and temporally from the anterior lens, wherein the side lens reduces hydrodynamic drag of the eyepiece and prismatic distortion of the lens portion;

wherein the side lens is connected to the anterior lens at an angle at which a line of sight extends perpendicularly with respect to the side lens whenever the eye is rotated temporally to a position at which the visual axis intersects a midpoint of the side lens;

wherein the side lens is connected to the anterior lens at an angle of about 144°.

38. (Original) The eyepiece of claim 33, wherein the body includes a frame portion that is coupled to the lens portion and is shaped to generally conform to the shape of the orbital rim.

39. (Previously Presented) An eyepiece for swim goggles comprising a body adapted to be worn over the eye of a user and form a water-tight seal around the eye that isolates the eye from the surrounding environment during use, the body comprising a transparent lens portion that includes a first, flat anterior lens that is positioned in front of the eye in an as worn orientation and at least a second, flat lens comprising flat and parallel opposed surfaces, the second lens being connected to the anterior lens at an obtuse angle and extending rearwardly therefrom, wherein the second lens reduces prismatic distortion of the lens portion and is connected to the anterior lens at an angle of approximately 124° to 164° ;

wherein the body includes a frame portion that is coupled to the lens portion and is shaped to generally conform to the shape of the orbital rim;

wherein the frame portion has an adhesive layer that adhesively secures the eyepiece to the skin of the user in close proximity of the eye.

40-43. (Canceled)

44. (Previously Presented) Swim goggles comprising a pair of eyepieces, each eyepiece being shaped to provide a water-tight seal around only one eye of a user during use of the goggles, the water-tight seal formed by an adhesive layer that, in conjunction with a layer of deformable material, adhesively secures the body to the skin of the user in close proximity to the eye, each eyepiece having a flat, transparent anterior lens that is positioned in front of a respective eye in an as worn orientation and a flat, transparent side lens connected to and inclined away from a respective anterior lens in a temporal direction so as to reduce hydrodynamic drag and prismatic distortion of the respective eyepiece,

wherein the side lens of each eyepiece intersects a respective anterior lens at a line extending between opposing points on the periphery of the side lens defining a maximum width of the side lens in the superior-inferior direction,

wherein the side lens is oriented with respect to the anterior lens such that a line of sight along the visual axis intersects the side lens at 90 degrees whenever the eye is rotated to a temporal position at which the visual axis intersects the side lens,

wherein said line of sight extends through a midpoint of the side lens, and

wherein the side lens is connected to the anterior lens at an angle of approximately 124° to 164°.

45. (Original) The swim goggles of claim 44, wherein the side lens is connected to the anterior lens at an angle of about 144°.

46. (Previously Presented) The swim goggles of claim 44, wherein each eyepiece further comprises:

an annular side wall surrounding a respective anterior lens and side lens and extending rearwardly therefrom; and

a posterior frame portion connected to a respective side wall opposite the anterior lens and side lens, the frame portion being shaped to form a water-tight seal around an eye.

47. (Previously Presented) The swim goggles of claim 44, further comprising:

a nose piece connecting adjacent nasal end portions of the eyepieces and dimensioned to extend over the user's nose; and

a head strap connected to respective temporal end portions of the eyepieces and dimensioned to extend around the rear of the user's head.

48-54. (Canceled).

55. (Currently Amended) The goggles of claim 18~~3~~, wherein each eyepiece comprises a peripheral flange surrounding the lens portion and the peripheral wall, the flange being shaped to generally conform to the shape of an orbital rim.

56. (Previously Presented) The goggles of claim 55, wherein each peripheral flange is sized and shaped to fit at least partially within a respective orbital rim.

57. (Previously Presented) The goggles of claim 56, wherein each peripheral flange has an upper nasal portion and a lower nasal portion that fit within a respective orbital rim.

58. (Previously Presented) The goggles of claim 57, wherein each peripheral flange has a lower temporal portion that fits at least partially within a respective orbital rim.

59. (Previously Presented) An eyepiece for swim goggles comprising:

a protective body adapted to be worn over an eye of a user, the body comprising a transparent lens portion, a peripheral wall surrounding the lens portion and extending rearwardly therefrom, and a frame portion surrounding the peripheral wall and shaped to generally conform to the shape of an orbital rim of the eye; and

an adhesive layer that adhesively secures the frame portion to the skin of the user in close proximity to the eye so as to form a substantially water-tight seal

around the eye that substantially isolates the eye from the surrounding environment during use, and

wherein the lens portion comprises a flat, anterior lens that is positioned in front of the eye in an as worn orientation and a flat side lens connected to and inclined away from the anterior lens in a temporal direction.

60. (Canceled).

61. (Previously Presented) The eyepiece of claim 59, wherein the side lens intersects the anterior lens at a line extending in the superior-inferior direction from a point on the periphery of the side lens to an opposing point on the periphery of the side lens, the line defining a maximum width of the side lens in the superior-inferior direction.

62. (Previously Presented) The eyepiece of claim 59, wherein the adhesive layer comprises double-sided tape having a first adhesive surface adhesively secured to a posterior surface of the frame portion and a second adhesive surface that adhesively secures the frame portion to the skin.

63. (Previously Presented) The eyepiece of claim 59, wherein the frame portion has a curved, concave posterior surface.

64. (Previously Presented) An eyepiece for swim goggles comprising:

a protective body adapted to be worn over only one eye of a user and form a water-tight seal around the eye that isolates the eye from the surrounding environment during use;

the body comprising a transparent lens portion including a flat, anterior lens that is positioned in front of the eye in an as worn orientation and a flat side lens connected to and inclined away from the anterior lens in a temporal direction, the body also comprising an annular peripheral wall surrounding the anterior lens and the side lens and extending rearwardly therefrom, and a frame portion surrounding the peripheral wall and shaped to generally conform to the shape of an orbital rim of the eye; and

an adhesive layer that, in conjunction with a layer of deformable material, adhesively secures the frame portion of the skin of the user in close proximity to the eye,

wherein the side lens intersects the anterior lens at a line extending in the superior-inferior direction from a point on the periphery of the side lens to an opposing point on the periphery of the side lens, the line defining a maximum width of the side lens in the superior-inferior direction, and

wherein the side lens is connected to the anterior lens at an angle of approximately 124° to 164°.

65. (Canceled).

66. (Previously Presented) The eyepiece of claim 64, wherein the side lens is connected to the anterior lens at an angle of about 144°.

67. (Canceled).